POWER cluster – First results from an EU-Project working in the Northern European competence network for offshore wind energy

Objectives and work streams

1. Social acceptance:
   Communicating the benefits of offshore wind energy to the public
   ✓ Until now more than 20,000 visitors attended the touring exhibition “FASCINATION Offshore” on the ship MS Greundiek
   ✓ POWER cluster gets member of the regional networks “POWER Väst” in Sweden and “Rogaland in the Wind” in Norway

2. Business:
   Creating a business platform to foster offshore wind energy development in the North Sea Region
   ✓ Catalogue of Energy Industry Classifications 2009 by Douglas Westwood
   ✓ a transnational study about “offshore wind challenges and learning from the oil and gas industry” has been assigned

3. Skills:
   Adapting and preparing the North Sea Region work force to the needs of offshore wind energy
   ✓ a setup for an offshore wind energy technology BSc minor has been developed
   ✓ wind energy colloquia for pupils have been organized

4. Cluster Development:
   Developing an offshore wind power cluster in the North Sea Region
   ✓ European Technology Platform for Wind Energy, Mid Term UpWind Workshop and “working group for offshore and onshore grid development in Northern Europe” organised by European Coordinator in Brussels

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